



West Virginia Senate

Committee on Government Organization

Minutes for FEBRUARY 25, 2021, 2:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Government Organization met on February 25, 2021, 2:00 PM in Room 208-W.

Members present: Senators Maynard, Swope, Maroney, Martin, Nelson, Smith, Stover, Sypolt, Woodrum, Caputo, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Woelfel

Members absent: None

A silent roll call being taken, the presence of a quorum was established.

On motion of Senator Swope, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

S.B. 318 – Relating generally to public notice of unclaimed property held by State Treasurer

Phillip Childs, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the committee substitute and responded to questions. With leave of the committee, Don Smith, Executive Director, WV Press Association, was administered the oath prescribed by Senate Rule 28a by Chairman Maynard, addressed the committee, and responded to questions. (See attached oath.) The question on agreeing to the committee substitute, was put and adopted. Senator Swope moved to report S.B.318 to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass; but under the original double committee reference first be referred to the Committee on Finance. The motion was put. Division was demanded, and the demand was sustained. The vote being 8 in favor and 6 opposed, the motion was adopted. On motion of Senator Swope, S.B. 318 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass; but under the original double committee reference first be referred to the Committee on Finance.

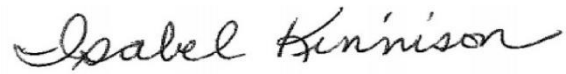
S.B. 415 – Allowing county commissions to impose amusement tax

Phillip Childs, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the committee substitute and responded to questions. With leave of the committee, Lowell Moore, Commissioner, Tucker County Commission, was administered the oath prescribed by Senate Rule 28a by Chairman Maynard, addressed the committee, and responded to questions. (See attached oath.) With leave of the committee, Jennifer Piercy, Executive Director, County Commissioners' Association of WV, attempted to be administered the oath virtually but was unsuccessful due to malfunctions with her computer. With leave of the committee, Richie Heath, Government Relations, Bowles Rice, LLP, was administered the oath prescribed by Senate Rule 28a by Chairman Maynard, addressed the committee, and responded to questions. (See attached oath.) With leave of the committee, Susan Economou, Deputy Executive Director, WV Municipal League, was administered the oath prescribed by Senate Rule 28a by Chairman Maynard, addressed the committee, and responded to questions. (See attached oath.) Senator Martin moved to lay the bill over, it was put and adopted.

On Motion of Senator Swope the committee adjourned.

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Mark R. Maynard, Chair

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Isabel Kinnison". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

Isabel Kinnison, Analyst/Clerk



The Senate of West Virginia

Testimony taken this 25 day of February, 2021, in
the Senate Committee on Government Organization.

"I solemnly swear (or affirm) that the testimony I shall give shall be
the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help me
God."

Don Smith

Print Witness Name

Don Smith

Sign Witness Name

Oath was administered by:

Mark R. Maynard

Print Member Name

Mark R. Maynard

Sign Member Name



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Remote/Virtual Testimony

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Lowell Moore
Print Witness Name

Isabel Kinnison
Testimony Attested to by Committee
Clerk

Oath was administered by:

Mark R. Maynard
Print Member Name

Mark R. Maynard
Sign Member Name



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Richard Heath

Print Witness Name

[Signature]

Sign Witness Name

Oath was administered by:

Mark R. Maynard

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Susan Economy

Print Witness Name

Isabel Kenison

Testimony Attested to by Committee
Clerk

Oath was administered by:

Mark R. Maynard

Print Member Name

Mark R. Maynard

Sign Member Name